

Registration

Event Location: Historic Billings Train Depot
2310 Montana Ave
Billings Montana

Lodging: Best Western Clock Tower Inn
2511 First Avenue North
Billings Montana

Cut off Date for Lodging: May 2, 2008

Registration Fee: No Charge

Per Diem: Lodging, meals, and mileage will be provided at the state rate at no cost to attendees. See below for registration and room information.

Attendee Information:

PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY, as you would like it on your name tag.

Name _____

Title/Occupation _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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 Special Services Required (If you require accomodations to participate, please give a description of special need.)

Sandy Matule, Grant Project Coordinator, will take all registrations and room reservations for the conference. If you have questions, please call or email Sandy at (406) 444-2071 or smatule@mt.gov. You can fax or mail your registration to Sandy at the fax and address listed on this brochure.

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May 12 & 13, 2008
Historic Billings Train Depot
Billings, Montana

Working Together
To Strengthen Domestic
Violence Services
Across Montana

REMEDIES:
*Rural Efforts in Montana to Expand
Delivery of Interventions
and Extend Services*

Montana Department of Justice

Working Together

Attendees of the conference will expand their knowledge of issues particular to domestic violence victims in rural Montana and on Montana Reservations. Information will be provided on evaluating degree of risk and enhancing services provided to victims of domestic violence.

Agenda

Monday, May 12
8:30 am—4:30 pm

7:30—8:30 am Breakfast & Registration

8:30—8:45 am Opening Prayer—
Apsáalooke Tribal Elder—Invited

8:45—9:00 am Mike McGrath, Attorney General
Montana Department of Justice -
Invited

9:00—9:15 am REMEDIES Overview &
Introductions

9:10—10:30 am **Economic Justice for DV
Victims/Survivors**

Economics play an integral role in the lives of women who experience domestic violence. This session will explore the connection between money, power, and domestic violence. Attendees will gain economic skills, knowledge, strategies and resources to increase economic justice for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Katie VonDeLinde, MSW, LCSW
Kelly Hart, REMEDIES Economic Advocacy Coordinator

10:30—10:40 am Break

10:40—12:00 am **Faith & Spirituality in
Domestic Violence**

This presentation will explore the role that faith and spirituality play in the lives of victims/survivors. The session will draw upon research as well as practical experiences in discussing the intersection of domestic violence and religion/

spirituality. The presenters will discuss ways in which faith elements have, can, and should be involved in thoughtful and intentional ways in coordinated efforts to reduce domestic violence in our communities.

Byron Johnson, PhD
Judy Reel, Faith-Based Liaison

12:00 pm—12:45 pm Lunch provided

12:45—2:05 pm **Breaking Trail: From a Legacy of Pain to a Legacy of Courage in Moving Forward**

This session will begin with an interview by Emily with a courageous woman whose family was profoundly affected by the violent death of her mother and suicide of her step-father. There will be a focus on strengths of the family in their healing journey. It will transition to Bea exploring multigenerational trauma and its impact today in Indian Country. The unresolved underlying issues leading to violence, substance abuse, the “no-talk” rule of trauma, and the role of the grief emotion of rage will be connected to domestic violence. The breakdown of tribal societies that are founded on relationships, and how specific stereotyping of Native women have contributed and maintained the violence code will be examined. Finally, community trauma recovery strategies that have been successful, particularly in Canada, will be shared.

Bea Shawanda, Odawa-Pottowottomi
Emily Matt Salois, ACSW, MSW, Blackfeet

2:05 pm—2:20 pm Healing Prayer—
Apsáalooke Tribal Elder—Invited

2:20pm—2:35 pm Break

2:35 pm—3:55 pm **Evaluating the Risk of
Domestic Violence Situations**

This session will address risk and risk assessment procedures, including general observations on risk, risk markers in the killing of intimate female partners, and pros, cons, and caveats regarding the assessment of risk.

Neil Websdale, PhD
Matthew Dale, REMEDIES Director

4:30 pm—5:00 pm **Our Journey, Healing and Purification Ceremony**

After a long day of listening, learning, absorbing, and supporting, it is sometimes essential that we close the day with a journey of healing and purifying. This ceremony is about 30 minutes long and involves smudging with sage and healing prayers. REMEDIES' newly hired Tribal Liaison will facilitate.

Cheryl Smoker, REMEDIES Tribal Liaison
Assiniboine/Paiute Tribes

Tuesday, May 13

8:00 am—11:30 am

8:00 am—8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am—8:45 am Tribal Singers—Invited

8:45 am—10:15 am Mock Fatality Review

10:15 am—10:30 am Break

10:30 am—11:30 am Report Out

11:30 am—12:00 pm Closing

Continuing Education

THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MONTANA NURSES' ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS ACCREDITED AS AN APPROVER OF CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION BY THE AMERICAN NURSES' CREDENTIALING CENTER (ANCC) COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR 8.5 HRS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION. MNA 2007-23

THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS FOR 8 HRS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION. PROGRAM ID 07SW0030

THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR 9 CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FOR CLERGY AND LAY LEADERS IN THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Featured Speakers

Matthew Dale is the director of the Montana Department of Justice's Office of Consumer Protection & Victim Services. In this position, he coordinates work around the state in the areas of restorative justice, consumer protection, sexual assault, and domestic violence. The office implements federal grants focusing on the full faith and credit provisions of orders of protection and collaborations between the faith community and domestic violence providers. Dale is also a senior consultant for the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative and has given numerous presentations across the country on fatality review. Dale earned a BA in psychology from the University of Minnesota and holds a MA in social sciences from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

Kelly Hart is the Economic Advocacy Coordinator for the REMEDIES grant with the Montana Legal Services Association in Helena, Montana where she works to promote asset development and access to the public benefits system for survivors of domestic violence. Kelly has been working in the field of gender violence since 2003. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Women's Studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Byron Johnson, PhD, is Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR) as well as director of the Program on Pro-

social Behavior, both at Baylor University. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, New Jersey. Johnson is currently completing a series of studies for the Department of Justice on the role of religion in prosocial youth behavior. Recent publications examined the impact of faith-based programs on recidivism reduction and prisoner reentry. Johnson is currently completing an evaluation examining academic outcomes among public high school students enrolled in elective courses in comparison with those taking a course on the Bible. Along with other ISR colleagues he is completing a series of groundbreaking empirical studies on religion in China. Johnson's research has been used in consultation with the Department of Justice, Department of Defense, Department of Labor, and the National Institutes of Health.

Judith A. Reel was born and raised in rural Montana and has been part of the Christian faith community for the past 30 years, where she has been active in congregational life of the church, including service on governing boards and being a part of an ecumenical retreat ministry. Judy got her first professional exposure to the domestic violence field when she worked for the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) from 2000 to 2004. Following that experience, she joined the staff of the Friendship Center, Helena's domestic violence shelter program and worked there for one year and also served as a crisis line volunteer for 4 years. From 2001 until the present time, Judy has maintained a statewide database of

domestic and sexual violence statistics for the Montana Board of Crime Control and the Department of Public Health and Human Services, collecting data from 55+ direct service advocacy programs across the state of Montana. In October of 2005, Judy joined the staff of the Montana Association of Churches, a position she held for two years before being named as the Faith-Based Domestic Violence Liaison for the REMEDIES grant. As a member of the staff at MCADSV, she works with faith communities around the state to expand referral services and improve the ability of Montana communities to respond to the needs of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Emily Matt Salois, ACSW, MSW, an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe, is a mother and grandmother. She earned a masters degree from the University of Washington School of Social Work. Emily is a well-respected trainer on a local, state and national level. Her primary areas of interest are American Indian youth and families. Emily is employed by Montana State University. She is a member of a research team studying elder abuse. Emily has co-published several articles, the most recent being *Research as Spiritual Covenant*.



Bea Shawanda, Odawa-Pottowottomi, Manitoulin Isle, Ontario, Canada. She was raised with Elders, attended residential school and received higher education at the University of California, Trinity University in Texas. She has been a frontline worker for over 38 years in both Canada and the U.S. in the fields of health, education, social and family development, organizational leadership and multicultural training. Internationally she has worked on world environmental and world peace issues and has been a political and social activist. Bea has authored four commissioned books in community development, family work, and training of trainers. She is involved in curriculum development, audio-visual productions and is "Empress" of her own human resources/leadership training organization. She also well-known as a Traditional Storyteller. She is a recognized Language-Keeper. Her work in the cultural enrichment community and the preservation of customs and traditions of Native People and the World Human Family is well-known. Bea is mother of 4, grandmother of 17.

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Katie VonDeLinde, LCSW, MSW has been actively working on the connection between safety for battered women and financial issues for over seven years. Ms. VonDeLinde is currently the Program Director at Redevelopment Opportunities for Women where she supervises

ROW's Economic Action Program and provides training on economic advocacy and education around the nation. Ms. VonDeLinde began working at ROW in 2001 as a financial advocate, developing curricula, teaching economic classes, and providing individual economic advocacy. Before moving to St. Louis, Katie worked on improving economic advocacy responses for battered women with Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence Initiative and has published three papers on issues of domestic violence and economics. Katie was previously employed as the Assistant Director of a domestic violence and sexual assault program in Southeast Iowa.

Neil Websdale, PhD, is Professor of Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University and Principal Project Advisor to and former Director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative. He has published work on domestic violence, the history of crime, policing, social change and public policy. His social policy work consists of helping establish a national network of domestic violence fatality review teams. He has also worked on issues related to community policing, full faith and credit, risk assessment and management in domestic violence cases. Dr. Websdale trained as a sociologist at the University of London, England, and currently lives and works in Flagstaff, Arizona. His forthcoming book, *Familicidal Hearts*, is due to be published by Oxford University Press in 2009.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Tribal and non-tribal:

Law enforcement, probation & parole, domestic violence advocates, judges, court administrators, mental health professionals, medical professionals, first and second responders, EMT's, educators, clergy, spiritual leaders, drug and alcohol treatment workers, child protective service workers, adult protective service workers, attorneys

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